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SUBJECT: JANUARY 21 GREEK CYPRIOT PRESS

1. MAJOR STORIES INCLUDE: YESTEEDAY'S DEMONSTRATIONS AT AMERICAN CENTER; USG PROTEST NOTE TO GOC AND THREAT TO WITHDRAW MISSION AND INVOLVEMENT IN CYPRUS SOLUTION; ANNOUNCEMENT OF SOVIET OPPOSITION TO BIZONAL SOLUTION AND SUPPORT FOR MULTI-CANTONAL APPROACH; MAKARIOS POLICY REMARKS AT PRESENTATION INDIAN AMBASSADOR'S CREDENTIALS.

2. DEMONSTRATION AND MAKARIOS' PERSONAL INTERVENTION PLAYED UP IN LARGE TYPE AND ACTION PHOTOS IN ALL TODAY'S NEWSPAPERS WITH PREDICTABLE SLANTS: TA NEA HEADLINES "POLICE BEAT SCHOOLCHILDREN" AND SUBHEADLINES "RENAMING OF AMLIBRARY. RIGHTIST ETHNIKI ONLY PAPER TO REPORT ACTIVE ROLE OF LYSSARIDES AGITATORS. HARAVGHI ONLY PAPER TO UNEQUIVOCABLY CONDEMN VIOLENCE OF DEMONSTRATIONS THOUGH AGHON RATHER RELUCTANTLY NOTED

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THAT VIOLENCE DID NOT SERVE USEFUL NATIONAL PURPOSE. AFTER

EXTOLLING RECENT DEMONSTRATIONS AND WARNING OF ESCALATING EFFORTS TO "KICK OUT THE BRITISH," PHILELEFTHEROS ACKNOWLEDGES EVERYONE'S GENERAL PATRIOTISM AND SUGGESTS "PRUDENCE". IN SEPARATE EDITORIAL, SAME PAPER REMARKS THAT AMERICAN/BRITISH THREAT TO CLOSE THEIR EMBASSIES IS BECAUSE THEY ARE PLANNING TO MOVE THEM TO TURKISH SECTOR. WRITER OPINES THAT THIS WOULD BE GMVD IDEA SINCE "NO GOOD HAS COME FROM EITHER EMBASSY" WHICH ARE IN ANY CASE "NESTS OF TURKISH AGENTS."

3. COMMUNIST HARAVGHI HEADLINES SOVIET ANNOUNCEMENT AND NOTES THAT ALTHOUGH USSR HAD ALWAYS SUPPORTED CYPRUS IN GENERAL WAY (I. E. INDEPENDENCE, TERRITORIAL INTEGRITY, ETC.), IT NOW IS TAKING NEW AND POSITIVE POSITION IN SUPPORT OF ARCHBISHOP. URGES GOC TO CAPITALIZE ON NEW DEVELOPMENT. RIGHTIST MACHI URGES MAKARIOS TO GO TO MOSCOW WITH A HEAVY WEAPONS HOPPING LIST.

4. MAKARIOS REMARKS TO NEW INDIAN AMBASSADOR REPEAT THEMES OF NOT ACCEPTING FAIT ACCOMPLI OR TRANSFER OF POPULATIONS.

5. MORE DRAMATIC EVENTS BACKPAGED COVERAGE OF YESTERDAY'S CLERIDES/DENKTASH TALKS. MACHI EDITORIALY GRUMPS ABOUT "TURKISH DELAYING TACTICS" AND ADVOCATES "OTHER PLANS AND ACTIONS."

6. OTHER STORIES INCLUDE: ANNOUNCEMENT OF FIRST MEETING OF ALL-PARTY NATIONAL COUNCIL (ETHNIKI REPORTS ESEA STILL HASN'T - AND MAY NOT - NAME ITS REPRESENTATIVE); OPEN LETTER BY SPYROS KYPRIANOU CLAIMING HE WAS OFFERED FORNMIN POST BY MAKARIOS, ACCEPTED, AND THEN OFFER WAS WITHDRAWN BECAUSE GLAFCOS CLERIDES THREATENED TO RESIGN.
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